

Torrance, California
April 19, 1955

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California, on April 19, 1955, at 5:30 p.m., Mayor Isen presiding.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Hallanger were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Schwab and Isen. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Ralph Gompertz led the salute to our Flag.

Rev. Arthur E. Bello opened the meeting with an invocation.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger suggested the following corrections in the minutes of the meeting of the City Council of April 12, 1955:

Page 6: Item 10, paragraph 4. Suggest elimination of the word formerly.

Page 6: Under Oral Communications, first sentence should state "City Manager Stevens recommended" instead of City Manager Stevens moved"

Page 9: Sentence 1, should refer to "a report on the grading of lots in Cottage Grove" instead of Garden Grove.

Councilman Drale moved the minutes of April 12, 1955, be approved as corrected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Letter of appreciation from the Mayor of Long Beach for the City Council's action in opposing Assembly Bill 3762.

As there were no objections, Mayor Isen ordered the letter filed as a matter of record.

Letter from Arthur J. Langan, M. D., 607 West Sixth Street, San Pedro, forwarding bill in the amount of \$38.00 for damage to a sign at Amie and Torrance Boulevard. This sign was damaged during the laying of pipe along Torrance Boulevard.

City Attorney Hall suggested this matter be referred to the contractor. Councilman Benstead so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Mayor Isen requested City Attorney Hall to refer this matter to the contractor.

Letter of protest against the proposed golf course in the Seaside area, dated April 12, 1955, signed by Henry Ross, Chairman, Homeowner's Committee for Seaside Park. The letter referred to petition presented to the Recreation Commission, containing approximately 170 signatures of residents opposed to the golf course and also requested that the City Council request the resignation of the entire Recreation Commission and its Director. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the letter in its entirety.

Deputy City Clerk stated there was another item on the agenda with reference to this same matter, namely a petition containing 162 signatures of homeowners in the Seaside area expressing their confidence in the Torrance Recreation Commission and stating that they feel the Commission will use their best judgment in providing the most practical recreation facilities at Seaside Park.

Mayor Isen advised the originals of these documents were on file in the office of the City Clerk for anyone who wished to inspect them.

Mr. Robert G. Parke, 5426 Sharynne Lane, stated he was one of the signers of the petition expressing confidence in the Recreation Commission. Mr. Parke said they are interested in the best recreational facilities at Seaside Park and they feel the Recreation Commission will give them those facilities, and anything to the contrary should not go unchallenged.

Mrs. Eileen Goetz, 5029 Milne Drive, stated she had attended the meeting of the so-called Homeowner's group and she wanted to stipulate that there were exactly seven people representing this group.

Councilman Blount moved that both the letters and the petitions be filed and that separate letters be written (1) that one of the letters be directed to the Recreation Commission, and (2) that the other be directed to Mr. Van Bellehem, personally, expressing the confidence of this Council in the integrity, judgment, and above all, the honesty and sincerity of both the Recreation Commission and Mr. Van Bellehem as an individual. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion.

Councilman Drale stated he has watched these particular proceedings for sometime and he knew the original request had been sent back to the Recreation Commission, when the bids were received, as the Commission had requested them for restudy. Councilman Drale wondered if there was sufficient money in the different areas to go ahead with any one particular plan. Councilman Drale said he would like to see a break-down of the money to be expended in the different areas for parks and see if the monies can carry out the particular programs that were initiated on the ballot and see if the money can be expended in a way that the majority of the people would be able to be served.

Mayor Isen said the way he understood Mr. Blount's motion he was willing to vote a vote of confidence to the Recreation Commission and the Recreation Director; however, he believed the motion they were voting on would be neither an endorsement for or against the particular issue at Seaside.

Councilman Blount repeated his motion and Councilman Benstead his second, which carried unanimously by roll call vote. Mayor Isen voted "Yes" with the qualification that it is neither an endorsement for or against this particular issue.

Communication from the City Clerk of Redondo Beach forwarding easement from the Redondo Improvement Company in favor of the City of Torrance to provide for the extension of Flagler Lane across Prospect Avenue, with the request that the City accept this easement and agree to pay the cost of improvement of the City of Torrance's portion of the extension.

Mayor Isen moved the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary Resolution of acceptance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Petition, containing 123 signatures, complaining of the bus service in the North Torrance area. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the petition in its entirety.

Councilman Schwab moved the communication be filed and that the City Manager be instructed to request the Superintendent of the Bus Department to make a report to the City Council as to the condition of these busses. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Report from Street Superintendent Perkins regarding the request of Mr. Duncan, 2011 W. 231st Street, requesting improvements of their street and alley. Mr. Perkins recommended extending the present pavement approximately 250 feet and resurfacing the existing pavement with a light armor coat.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation

of Mr. Perkins. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Perkins further advised he did not believe the City has the right-of-way in the alley, and even if they did he did not see any need of paving it as it goes through an old oil field and would be very expensive to build.

Mayor Isen said he believed Mr. Duncan's original letter requested that "No Dumping" signs be placed in this area and requested City Manager Stevens to see that this was done.

Communication from LeRoy Forsythe, 18156 Prairie, Torrance, submitting proposition to the City for filling the excavation where Mr. Guenser has been excavating clay for his brick yard. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the entire communication.

Councilman Benstead moved this matter be referred to the City Manager for study and recommendation. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Communication from D. R. Whitney, Vice President, Pacific Coast Little League, 509 Calle de Arboles, Hollywood Riviera, requesting to acquire and move the crated Air Force tower now at the Torrance Airport.

City Manager Stevens recommended the City lend a section of this tower to the Pacific Little League.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Communication from the Civil Service Board regarding the Western Regional Conference to be held at Hoberg, advising that the Commission feels that it would be far more advantageous for the group to attend this Conference, however, they thanked the Council for the action taken.

Councilman Benstead moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Request of Crafts 20 Big Shows for license for five days, April 27th to May 1st, on property at 220th and Western Avenue. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger advised this request has been approved by the Chief of Police.

Mr. W. Lee Brandon, General Representative of the Crafts 20 Big Shows, Inc., advised the Council their main office was in North Hollywood; he gave a detailed report of the towns they have played in; and stated they carried public liability and property damage insurance in the amount of \$100,000 and \$200,000, and promised if this request was granted that the Council would have no trouble in any way with their show.

Councilman Drale moved the request for license be granted, subject to the approval of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief and that they be required to deposit the necessary clean-up fee with the City Clerk's office. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger stated he had been handed two petitions, both with the same heading, as follows:

"We, the undersigned, protest the installation of two driveways and a truck ramp by the Foods, Company Store on Atkinson Street, between 174th and 176th Street, when, at the time of presentation of plans to the City Council, we were promised there would be a continuous fence, plus sidewalk, with no openings on above mentioned street. We are concerned because we fear for the safety of some 210 children who have grown up with no place to play but their front yard and sidewalks. We also protest the depreciation our property would suffer because of the traffic hazard this would create."

COUNCILMAN BLOUNT: "I would like to bring the Council up to date on this matter. When this case was first brought up it required a rezoning and representatives of the people who lived in this area, in case you are not familiar with it it is 174th and Crenshaw, and Atkinson runs the same way as Crenshaw and then there are two or three streets that run East and West and dead-end into the brick-yard, so that for five years these people have been more or less isolated there. When this came up to rezone this property, to put this big market in, which is certainly something we can be proud of having in our town, but as you know, 174th Street is a very major highway and so is Crenshaw, it was thought by these people at the time, and at the Planning Commission meeting it was expressed, that openings for ingress and egress on these two streets would be sufficient rather than having them go out on the back on Atkinson, which is a very narrow street, and then down these two streets, 175th and 176th Streets. I know that, as sure as I am sitting here, that when we voted on Exhibit "A" it did not show any openings. It did show a wall. We discussed it; it was discussed in the Planning Commission. I saw the Exhibit today and the Exhibit that was finally submitted to the files is nothing like the one we voted on and it does have two openings, one kind of goes into one of the residents garage and the other one kind of goes into one of their homes. I asked Mr. Patrick to go up and talk to the contractor to see if he were aware of this because I am sure the man who is building it is just going by his plans. I think these people have a good argument. I give you my word that I know that when it came from the Planning Commission, although I can't prove it because Exhibit "A" certainly is something else different, we had a different Planning Secretary at that time. I know that when we voted on it it didn't have these openings and I know that they are there now and I am just wondering if there is anything that we, as a body, can do to give these people some relief. I know we can do one thing, we can pass an ordinance limiting the size and weight of vehicles on Atkinson and that will prevent trucks. Does anyone have any suggestions?"

COUNCILMAN SCHWAB: "Have you talked to Mr. Patrick since he was out there?"

COUNCILMAN BLOUNT: "No, I haven't had an opportunity."

COUNCILMAN SCHWAB: "He may be able to iron this out."

MR. NORMAN BRUFFY, 2711 West 176th Street. "My name is on one of those petitions, there are three petitions, one for each street, representing approximately 80 residents and in this area we have over 200 children. They have been raised in this neighborhood for the last five years, they are used to running back and forth across the street. The people are concerned about this thing and up in arms as it is really important to us. We have a gentleman present tonight who was at the Planning Commission meeting when Exhibit "A" was presented."

WILLIAM O. WILSON, 2835 West 176th Street. "I was present at the Planning Commission meeting when the preliminary drawings were submitted, they were not the precise plans but they were the preliminary requests to the Planning Commission. I asked the owner at that time if there would be a fence on that street and if there would be openings. He said NO, that there would be a continuing fence and sidewalks and that it would be landscaped and that there would be no openings onto that street. We took this in good faith and did not follow through on it, but the thing they are building is not what they were talking about at the time."

MAYOR ISEN: "Did you ask these questions during the meeting, was there a record made?"

MR. WILSON: "It was during a discussion over the maps. I do not believe there was a record made."

ROBERT F. CLARK, 2643 West 176th Street. "Before this market went up a few glad-hand gentlemen came around, representing Mr. Schwartz. They stated there would be a continuous fence and no ingress or egress on Atkinson. Somewhere along the line somebody goofed, they missed the boat. Maybe the Building Department missed the boat, maybe the Planning Commission, maybe we missed the boat, but there is something stinking somewhere because it is not what went through originally. I do not believe there is a representative for Mr. Schwartz here, but if he is going to pull this kind of a deal what kind of a market is he going to have? I, for one, would forbid my wife to go to that market."

COUNCILMAN DRALE: "I concur with Mr. Blount. I remember Mr. Black, who was a member of the Planning Commission at that time, made several recommendations and I am sure this Council approved the recommendations of the Planning Commission, with those suggestions and recommendations. If the map has been altered or changed I am not familiar with it, I have not seen it."

MAYOR ISEN: "My thought would be this, the 26th is an 8:00 o'clock meeting, we would ask you all to come back and we would see that Mr. Schwartz, or someone from the Company, is present and in the meantime I would be willing to instruct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to limit the vehicles on that street."

MR. CLARK: "We just noticed this Friday. There are four openings, two are regular drive-ways and the other two are for big trucks, for receiving in the market. Mr. Wilson lives on the corner, he will not even be able to get in his garage when the truck is unloading. Is there anything the Council can do to stop them now?"

CITY ATTORNEY HALL: "Nothing tonight. It will have to be established by the records what action the Planning Commission took and then determine if there is a violation."

MR. CLARK: "What is the ordinance on sidewalks?"

COUNCILMAN DRALE: "There may be room for a sidewalk."

MR. WILSON: "That has been dedicated all along there as a 60 foot street, 30 foot street, the driveway, and the customary sidewalk on each side; however, on this particular situation over there they did not dedicate that strip. We have a 30 foot street and a 20 foot parkway on one side. They have no parkway, they have built a concrete block wall right to the curb line."

MAYOR ISEN: "If there are no objections from the Council I am going to order a further hearing on this matter for the 26th, during the course of our meeting--"

COUNCILMAN DRALE: "I would like to go a little bit further, I think the records should be investigated. I think there should be a report made from the Planning Commission records and the Building Department records."

MAYOR ISEN: "Let's take it step by step. Let's order a further meeting a week from tonight at 8:00 o'clock and request the City Manager to get in touch right away with the owner of this market, the proper parties to be present. We will order further, that an investigation be made and a report, returnable as soon as possible, as to what the exact proceedings were of the Planning Commission with reference to this problem, and, in the event the City Attorney determines there is a violation, that he be authorized to proceed immediately to cease the violation."

MAYOR ISEN: "Does that meet with your approval Mr. Blount?"

COUNCILMAN BLOUNT: "Anything that can be done meets with my approval."

COUNCILMAN DRALE: "I would like to check into the wall that is being constructed now."

MAYOR ISEN: "We will order the City Manager to get in touch with the Building Department and check for any violations of the building ordinances with reference to that and if there is any violations they should be ceased forthwith. Also, so that they will see that we mean business I will instruct the City Attorney to prepare this ordinance keeping heavy traffic off of all the streets involved in this area."

Councilman Blount moved the City Attorney be instructed to prepare such an ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

MR. CLARK: "May we go on the assumption that final approval will not be given on this building until this matter is settled?"

CITY ATTORNEY HALL: "We will have it resolved by then."

ALBERT SALCIDO, 2836 West 176th Street. "I live right across from the store. Am I to understand if there is no legal offense they can go ahead with the building? They have two major highways why can't they use those?"

MAYOR ISEN: "We are trying to help you. We will look for every violation and have it terminated immediately. If there are no violations we will restrict traffic in the area by ordinance. I do not believe we can come up with anything else right at this time."

Councilman Blount left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Barclay Surveying Company for engineering services during the month of March, 1955, the sum of \$2,686.90.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

13. Communication from the Recreation Commission advising they are awaiting Council action regarding the brick yard property which has been offered to the City. The Commission felt that this site might be used to solve the need for an industrial and community sports center.

City Manager Stevens said it was his recollection this matter had been referred to the Planning Commission with the idea of going through the normal procedure for a Variance.

As there were no objections Mayor Isen ordered the letter be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their file regarding this Variance.

Mr. John K. Kesson, 2015 West 182nd Street, presented a petition requesting the City Council to prohibit the excavation of clay for bricks on the property of H. M. Guenser, located between 177th Street and 180th Street, and Western Avenue and Arlington Street.

Councilman Drale moved the petition be filed and the matter returned to the Planning Commission for a Variance and public hearings. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

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14. Communication from the Recreation Commission recommending that no waivers of custodial fees be granted in the future.

Councilman Schwab moved the communication be filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

AIRPORT COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Communication from the Airport Commission requesting the City Council to obtain as soon as possible from Collins-Dietrich Air Services, Inc., a detailed report of the monies expended to date for the improvements and maintenance of the airport facilities, as set forth in that said agreement between Collins-Dietrich Air Services, Inc. and the City of Torrance.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the request. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mr. Robert Jahn explained that what the Commission is trying to find out, as per the Agreement, is the amount of money expended so far to date for improvements and the balance left in the fund.

2. Communication from the Airport Commission requesting the City Council to obtain a detailed and comprehensive report each month from Collins-Dietrich Air Services, Inc., setting forth the income and expenditures in accordance with the terms of that said agreement between Collins-Dietrich Air Services, Inc. and the City of Torrance.

Councilman Schwab inquired if a quarterly audit would not serve the purpose as well as a monthly report.

Mr. Robert Jahn said the Agreement states a report may be asked for by the City, or by an official of the City, at periods ranging from two weeks to one year and the Commission felt a report once a month would be more convenient for everyone concerned.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation and request of the Airport Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

3. Communication from the Airport Commission advising that in accordance with the recommendations of the firm of Cotton-Francisco, auditors, the Airport Commission respectfully recommend to the City Council that Collins-Dietrich Air Services, Inc., be required to establish and maintain an accounting system which will necessitate the recording of each and every transaction.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mayor Isen requested City Manager Stevens to notify Collins-Dietrich Air Services, Inc. of the action taken by the City Council.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. Report from City Engineer Bishop regarding the lot drainage in Tract No. 18416, Cottage Grove. Mr. Bishop stated the City had two alternatives if these matters are not cleared up within the next two weeks: (1) Secure permission from the owners to have the corrections made by our Street Department and charge the cost to the tract account; (2) Legal action.

City Attorney Hall handed Mr. Schoonover a copy of the report.

Councilman Schwab inquired how much longer this was going on before the City did something about it.

City Attorney Hall stated he thought there was money deposited which the City could use, however, he would have to check this. He stated he would make a report to the City Council regarding this matter.

Mayor Isen requested that City Engineer Bishop report to the Council next Tuesday regarding this tract.

City Engineer Bishop stated he had just come from this tract and it looked as though they were really going to start to work; however, he would report next week on the progress.

PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Communication from the Planning Commission recommending approval of the request of Ruth Fortin, 635 Border Avenue, for waiver of the required 20' front yard to 10' at one point of dwelling proposed for property in an R-3 Zone, per plot plan submitted.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

2. Report from George Powell concerning the operations at 316 Arlington Avenue. Mr. Powell advised he had checked the various operations at this address in the company of Mr. Henry A. Parkin, president, and suggested this company be given one more week in which to make the necessary improvements.

Councilman Benstead requested City Manager Stevens to make this report available to the people who were complaining about these operations.

Mayor Isen requested George Powell to have a further report for the meeting next Tuesday.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2715

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THAT PUBLIC HEARINGS BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE DRILLING AND OPERATION OF OIL AND GAS WELLS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2715. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2716

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2566 AND APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 AND SOUTH BAY CITIES SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mayor Isen moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2716. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2717

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2567 AND DESIGNATING ALTERNATE MEMBER TO BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 AND SOUTH BAY CITIES SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

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Councilman Schwab moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Schwab moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2717. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2718

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY THE SAID CITY OF CERTAIN PRIVATELY OWNED WATER FACILITIES AND EASEMENTS IN THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE IDENTIFIED AS TRACT NO. 15926; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2718. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2719

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONCURRING IN A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2719. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 739

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 643.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read a communication from Superintendent of Building Russell advising that due to a confliction of Building Codes he would recommend that this urgency Ordinance regulating plan checking fees be approved at the earliest possible time.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 739 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 740

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 612, RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 335.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 740 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Isen read the Proclamation and proclaimed May 1, 1955, as National Elks Youth Day.

Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

At 6:55 P.M., Councilman Drale moved to adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by those present.

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A. H. BARTLETT, City Clerk

By

J. H. Hallanger
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance